

## **MMAA Tasmanian Chapter**

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### **Ride Report Saturday 3 December, 2011 Toy Run**

Those in attendance were: Wor Bro Craig 'Deano' DEANE  
Wor Bro Alan 'AB' BURTON  
Wor Bro Rick 'Burn Burn' GONINON  
Wor Bro Paul GONINON  
Kenneth GONINON  
Sam DEANE

Apologies: V Wor Bro David MACROW  
Wor Bro Tony BRUCE-MULLINS & Rosemary  
Bro Bob CRAWFORD

Yours truly having met Deano at his place at 0900hrs, rode to our usual meeting place of Montrose Bay Playground Car Park with a view of meeting a few more Members/Riders for a short ride prior to meeting for the Toy Run, found ourselves to be the only 2 who turned up. Rick & Paul had put in an apology as both were working.

We did however, meet up with a group of riders, approx 12 and partners, from ??????? can't recall their name, who had met at Montrose for a ride the same as us. Yours truly knowing one of them being an ex work colleague along with Deano, introduced ourselves and spent a good 40 minutes chatting to the group at the end of which, I invited them to join us on a ride(s) in the New Year for which they are keen to do. Similarly, we were invited to join them for a ride(s) which unfortunately, are on a Saturday – they ride every second Saturday. I certainly will join them for a ride in the New Year.

At around 1020hrs Deano & I 'saddled up' and headed for the Possum Shed at Westerway. A leisurely ride was had where upon arrival, the first few spots of rain were felt. Having been greeted by our hosts at the Possum Shed, who now know us by sight having been there more than a few times, took our order of hot cappacino's and delicious freshly baked scones with lashings of fresh home made raspberry jam and cream.....lots and lots of cream Charmane!!!!

Our hunger and thirst satisfied, it was off for the ride to New Norfolk where we had arranged to meet up with Rick and his son Kenneth, for the ride back to Montrose.

Upon arriving at Montrose, we were met by a beaming Sam DEANE, grandson of Deano, who had been looking forward to his first Toy Run for some weeks. Sam's parents, his younger brother Harry and his Nanna were all there to witness Sam gear up, take photo's and jump onto the bike of proud Pop's Shadow, for the short ride to the DEC, prior to the Toy Run. Harry, Sam's younger brother, has booked himself a seat for next's years Toy Run, as he was too young to ride this year.

At 1300hrs, it was off to the DEC to join up with all the other riders, some 7500 in all, for stroll around viewing all the different bikes, having a hamburger and drink, and with Sam purchasing his first MRA Lapel Badge.

At 1420hrs, the mount up call was given. 1430hrs saw a rush of jostling biking enthusiasts, all trying to be amongst the front group of riders out onto the Brooker Highway.

With the Brooker and all points in between being lined with well wishers, a slow but enjoyable ride was had ending at Salamanca and the lawns of Parliament House. Re-grouped, Deano, Harry and yours truly took our presents to the collection point where Sam registered himself as rider in this years event.

All done, we met up with Shakas and his daughter, along with Kellie who had also ridden in this years Toy Run. Yours truly also met up with Tony B-M and Rosemary, who had ridden with the HOG.

Good wishes given, it was off to Joes Garage for a cold one, although yours truly chose to head home.

Ride Verdict: As always, an enjoyable day made more memorable for both Kenneth and Sam who joined us for their first Toy Run.

The day ended with dinner at Eating on the Edge in Lauderdale, being attended by Craig and Charmane, Rick and Christine, David and Elizabeth and AB and Chris. Good company being followed up with good food, was enjoyed by all.

With the exception of David and Elizabeth, all went back to AB's and Chris's place for a nightcap, before returning home.

Thanks Charmane for your thoughtfulness, in providing chocolates and Xmas Crackers at the restaurant, and for the plate of goodies to share, back at our place.

In closing, from both our Secretary and Charmane and from myself and Chris, sincere best wishes for the festive season are extended to all and your families, and look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year, 2012.

Alan 'AB' BURTON

The next MMAA Tasmanian Chapter Ride is:

Next Ride: Sunday 8 January, 2012  
Destination: Riders Choice  
Meet: Montrose Yacht Club Car Park  
Time: 0930hrs  
Depart: 1000hrs

Prior to Xmas, there will be a ride schedule for the first six (6) months of 2012. Keep an eye on the webpage.

Until next time and as always, Ride safe, stay safe.....

Alan 'AB' BURTON  
President